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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Field Activities, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Telephone Conversation with Colonel Walton, DCS/
OPS HEDCOM, Andrews Air Force Base, Regarding
C-118 Aircraft

1. Colonel Walton called at 1400 hours 18 October asking to talk to Colonel Ledford regarding alleged conversations that Colonel Ledford had with a Mr. Lucey at Andrews Air Force Base about support for a C-118 aircraft in the activities of OSA.

2. Walton's call was simply to remind us that he felt Mr. Lucey was not the person with whom such requirements should have been discussed (I infer he was substituting himself for Lucey), that Andrews needed to do considerable planning for the acquisition of a C-118 as far as spare parts, support GSE and adjustments in the manning table were concerned, and further that he felt the question should be approached initially at the Pentagon level so that when the aircraft was assigned, he would get a proper mission statement with it, outlining the support which Andrews would be expected to furnish.

3. I told Colonel Walton that I was unaware of Colonel Ledford's reported conversations and that I felt certain he was not attempting to short circuit the system, since I knew that we had levied a formal request for the acquisition of the aircraft on AFIGO-S, and we would look to them to lay on arrangements for necessary support as part of their responsibility.

4. Colonel Walton said that they had been supporting the second C-54 detailed to us since its arrival many months ago with a proper mission statement or increases to their levels of support, and that this had been possible only because there were other C-54's on the Base whose spare parts' supply could be utilized. I think he left the telephone feeling better about the whole

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thing. I assume you will follow-up on the support angle with Colonel Geary, however.

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